

Appendix E:

Notice of Determination



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Date: December 19, 2001

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152
of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: ***Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2001 Regional
Transportation Plan (RTP) for the San Francisco Bay Area***

SCH#: 2001032141

Lead Agency: Metropolitan Transportation Commission
101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Contact Person: Ashley Nguyen, EIR Project Manager, 510.464.7809

Project Location: San Francisco Bay Area (Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San
Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma)

Description: The 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (the "Project") encompasses the entire
nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. It represents the transportation policy
and action statement of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for
how to approach the region's transportation needs over the next 25 years.
The 2001 RTP proposes a set of future transportation projects and programs
that can be implemented with available funding as well as identifying projects
that could be considered if new funding is obtained. Projects/programs
included in the 2001 RTP range from basic system maintenance, to programs
to manage the system better and provide a more convenient system for the
region's travelers, to initiatives to better integrate transportation and land use,
to major expansions of transit and roads.

The EIR is intended to aid MTC as it considers adoption of the 2001 RTP, as
well as to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality
Act (CEQA). The EIR on the 2001 RTP is a program EIR as defined in the
CEQA Guidelines. As a programmatic document, this EIR presents a region-
wide, corridor-by-corridor assessment of potential impacts of the 2001 RTP. It
does not evaluate site-specific impacts of individual projects, all of which are

required to comply with CEQA. Areas of evaluation include: transportation; air quality; population and housing; land use; energy; geology and seismicity; noise; and biological, water, visual, and cultural resources. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review from August 10 to September 28, 2001. The Final EIR for the 2001 RTP consists of the Draft EIR, with revisions, and the comments received as well as the written responses to comments.

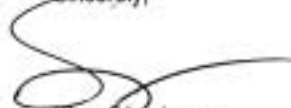
Determination:

This is to advise that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on December 19, 2001 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public during normal business hours at the offices of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Heminger", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Steve Heminger
Executive Director